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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MT ATHOS

H - PASS: HONORABLE PAUL N. MCCLOSKEY, JR.
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
205 CANNON BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

1. I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 20, 1978 REQUESTING
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO YOUR CONSTITUENT MR. BERNARD RUBIN IN VISITING
THE HOLY MOUNTAIN OF ATHENS.

2. WHILE WE WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUEST,
THE INFORMATION PROVIDED YOU BY THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY IS
UNFORTUNATELY INCOMPLETE AND I WOULD THUS BRING TO YOUR
ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING.

3. TO PROCESS THE REQUEST OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN TO VISIT MT. ATHOS,
A NOTE VERBALE ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTRY IS PREPARED BY THE EMBASSY.
THE NOTE INCLUDES THE NAME, PASSPORT DATA AND PROFESSION OF THE
APPLICANT AND MUST BE TAKEN IN PERSON, ALONG WITH THE PASSPORT ITSELF

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TO THE MINISTRY'S DIRECTORATE OF CHURCHES. THIS OFFICE IS OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. THE
PERMIT TO VISIT MT. ATHOS IS USUALLY ISSUED THE SAME DAY THE
APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED. IT IS VALID FOR UP TO A FOUR DAY VISIT
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AND MUST BE USED WITHIN WHAT IS TERMED A "REASONABLE" LENGTH OF TIME,
I.E. ABOUT 30 DAYS.

4. IF IT IS MORE CONVENIENT, THE NOTE VERBALE CAN BE ISSUED AT
THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN THESSALONIKI, WHERE IT MUST BE TAKEN
TO THE MINISTRY FOR NORTHERN GREECE AND TO THE ALIENS' POLICE.

5. FINALLY, ONLY TEN PERMITS ARE ISSUED PER DAY TO APPLICANTS OF ALL NATIONALITIES. PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO THOSE HAVING A SPECIAL INTEREST IN VISITING MT. ATHOS, SUCH AS STUDENTS OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY, TEACHERS, ARCHITECTS AND PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE. I TRUST THIS INFORMATION WILL BE OF USE TO MR. RUBIN AND AM HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.
MCCLOSKEY

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